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SUBJECT: NAVY AND AIR FORCE BEHIND REVOLUTION

1. AS THE JULY 28 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION APPROACHES, A SERIES OF PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES ARE TAKING PLACE. BOTH THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE MINISTERS HAVE USED THESE OCCASIONS TO REAFFIRM THEIR PERSONAL AND THEIR SERVICES' SUPPORT FOR THE REVOLUTION.

2. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, JULY 21 AND 22, ADMIRAL ARCE PLEDGED THE NAVY'S ADHERENCE TO THE REVOLUTION STATING THAT THE ARMED FORCES MUST REMAIN MONOLITHICALLY UNITED TO ACHIEVE THE REVOLUTION'S GOALS. ON THE 22ND, ARCE SAID THAT "THE NAVY IS A TOOL OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS."

3. AIR FORCE MINISTER GILARDI ALSO REAFFIRMED AIR FORCE SUPPORT FOR THE REVOLUTION SAYING THAT HIS SERVICE HAS BEEN WITH THE PROCESS SINCE 1968.

4. AIR FORCE AND PARTICULARLY NAVY MINISTERS' DECLARATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTION ARE NOTEWORTHY GIVEN LUKEWARM ATTITUDES OF BOTH THEIR SERVICES FOR SOME OF THE MORE RADICAL GOALS OF THE VELASCO GOVERNMENT. ADMIRAL ARCE APPEARS TO BE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT, UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR ADMIRAL VARGAS, ARCE FULLY SUPPORTS REVOLUTION.

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